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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN EUROCURRENCY BORROWING, WITH OPTION FOR DRAWDOWN IN THE U.S.

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- 1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PLANNED HUNGARIAN BORROWING TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH OPENING OF HUNGARIAN NATIONAL BANK (MNB) NEW YORK REP OFFICE.
- 2. INITIAL INFORMATION WAS THAT GOH WOULD HAVE OPTION OF BORROWING FUNDS ON U.S. CAPITAL MARKETS IF THIS COURSE PROVES CHEAPER. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO ONE CO-MANAGER, AGREEMENT IS WORDED TO ENABLE MNB TO USE ON AMERICAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CAPITAL MARKETS ONLY IF FOR SOME REASON EUROCURRENCY UNAVAILABLE. THIS IS A MOST UNLIKELY POSSIBILITY, BUT SUCH SITUATION HAS EXISTED FROM TIME TO TIME (DURING MOST RECENT MIDDLE EAST WAR, FOR EXAMPLE). THUS, PURPOSE OF THIS WORDING IS STRICTLY SHOW AND TELL, I.E. MNB WISHES TO PROCLAIM TO WORLD IT DOES HAVE OPTION OF GOING TO AMERICAN MARKET IF IT SO SESIRES.

- 3. KUHN, LOEB FAILED TO PUT TOGETHER SYNDICATE AND BANK OF AMERICAN (B OF A) NOW LEAD MANAGER. SIZE OF LOAN HAS NOWINCREASED TO 200 MILLION DOLLARS. B OF A WILL TAKE 50 MILLION AND THE REAMINING SIX LEAD BANKS 25 MILLION EACH. THE OTHER SIX ARE: SECURITY PACIFIC, BANK OF MONTREAL, CITY BANK, FIRST OF BOSTON, BANKERS TRUST, AND UNIDENTIFIED CHICAGO BANK. THIS GIVES COAST-TO-COAST NORTH AMERICAN PARTICIPATION. TERMS ARE ONE PERCENT OVER LIBOR FOR FIRST FOUR YEARS AND ONE AND ONE-EIGHTH PERCENT FOR REMAINING THREE (NOT TWO, AS ORIGINALLY REPORTED) YEARS. UNLIKELY AMERICAN DRAWDOWN WOULD BE AT 120 PERCENT OF PRIME.
- 4. IF LOAN AGREEMENT DRAWN UP AS DESCRIBED ABOVE IT THUS APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT MNB WILL TAP AMERICAN MARKET IN THIS PARTICULAR BORROWING.
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